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**Fears CIA
Running U.S.**

(Madison, Oct. 21)—When Joe McCarthy was busy hunting Reds in the State Department, the American press magnified his utterances into headlines. The following Associated Press dispatch was carried on page 2 of The Milwaukee Journal under the headline "CIA Commits War Crimes. Senator Says," a dispatch that the casual reader probably missed: "Sen. Young (D-Ohio) says he has learned that the Central Intelligence Agency has committed atrocities, including killing some men and raping some women. A CIA spokesman said Wednesday that 'as far as our agents having done such a thing is concerned, the statement is absolutely false.' Stating that he wants CIA activities curtailed in Viet Nam, Young said he would ask the Senate Armed Services Committee to investigate CIA activities. He is a member of the Committee, and recently visited Viet Nam." Will the investigation take place? Will it rate the headlines of the McCarthy era? How can a group of politicians possibly match wits with professionals in the arts of lying and dissimulation, professionals who make the politicians look like naive amateurs?

It is entirely possible that the CIA spokesman was telling the truth, a jesuitical sort of truth. The CIA probably just gave freely of its stores of wisdom in such matters and was therefore guilty of acting only in an "advisory" capacity without actually doing any of the dirty work itself with its own agents.

When are we going to put an end to this fourth branch of the federal government before it puts an end to the constitutional liberties of all Americans? Or is it too late? Are the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the federal government merely facades for the CIA, which is really running this country? Perhaps Congress may wake up some day if CIA money is ever used to influence congressional elections. Who knows? Perhaps this has already been done, with most congressmen enjoying a second salary from the CIA.

Fantastic speculations? Possibly, but as long as Congress has no control over the CIA, and one isn't sure if the CIA is the executive branch of the government, one can never be quite sure, can one?—

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